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To Mr. BAVIUS, *Secretary to the Society of* Grub-ſtreet.

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SIR,

BEING willing to ſuppoſe you are not ſo much prejudiced againſt the author of the *Lady's Revenge*, (tho' perhaps of different ſentiments in ſome points with him) as to refuſe a place in your Paper to a friend of his that appears in his juſtification, againſt your correſpondent ATTICUS; I beg leave to offer the following *Remarks* on his letter.

When a perſon thinks fit to contradict another, by aſſerting facts contrary to thoſe already advanced, unleſs he brings ſufficient proofs to ſupport his aſſertion, he has no right to be believed. The *ipſe dixit* of one is as good as the other's. But this, Mr. BAVIUS, is not entirely the caſe between the Author and the Cenſor. The one, in his *Preface*, gives an account of what happened during the courſe of his play; the truth of which the town is the beſt judge of: the other miſrepreſents part of it, and denies the reſt, calling it *a monſter of the Author's brain*; when he may be ſatisfy'd of that part he denies, if he will take the trouble to inquire at the Bedford Coffee-houſe, if any ſuch perſons came thither, and declared themſelves as is aſſerted in the *Preface*.

A curſory examination of ATTICUS's letter will ſet the town right, and ſhew this gentleman's epiſtle is as free from Attic ſalt, as Engliſh truth. He begins, by obſerving very archly, that the Author alledges, *A report ſpred over the town, as a reaſon for diſcontinuing the acting of a play that had been well received by the town in general.* Such a *report* may have been *ſpred over the town*, and not have come to the Author's knowledge 'till late: and I am the more inclined to believe, he knew nothing of its being ſo, till after the acting of his play, by what I have heard him ſince declare, *viz.* 'if he had known 'it, he would have deferred his play for a week, 'till 'he could have undeceived the town'. So that this *report*, tho' the play was generally well received by the town, coming but late to his knowledge, may, without any abſurdity, have been the occaſion of his diſcontinuing the acting his play longer.

ATTICUS then goes on, and ſays, *The Prologue was received with univerſal applauſe, and during the firſt act, there was a perfect decency kept up; nor was there any confuſion till the ſurpriſing cataſtrophe at laſt, and diſcovery by a ſailor, which the author has had judgment enough to ſtrike out ſince its firſt performance:* that is, in other words, the play was acted with only now and then a hiſs, till the *cataſtrophe* in the laſt act relating to one perſon in the play, which diſpleaſed the audience, on which account the Author *ſtruck it out*. Methinks, Mr. BAVIUS, the Author's *ſtriking it out*, might have induced every candid critic, and good-natured perſon, to have *ſtruck it out* of his memory. Methinks likewiſe, a play, that is acted throughout, with only here and there a hiſs, may be ſayed *to be well received by the town in general.*

The wiſe ATTICUS farther obſerves *the only appearance of party was a cabal of about* 20 *or* 30 *perſons, whoſe faces he has ſeen about the Offices at Whitehall.* Twenty or thirty is but a ſmall number to ſupport a play; and a gentleman muſt be very deſtitute of friends that could muſter up no more. But what occaſion for muſtering up any? When any gentleman writes a play, every body that knows him goes of courſe, as well friends, as enemies, but with different views. As to the 20 or 30 particularly mentioned here, *whoſe faces are known in the Offices at Whitehall*, I hope their being in *Offices at Whitehall*, does not exclude them from the privilege every friend has, *viz.* of ſerving one another; and that it can be no more a reflection on theſe gentlemen, than on others out of *offices* that went. But this hint ATTICUS threw out, I ſuppoſe, to make way for the zeal he would have us believe in his laſt paragraph, is in himſelf and friends for the preſent government.

As to our Cenſor's *Remarks* on the ſecond and third nights, I ſhall only obſerve, that there was more than the expence of the houſe the thurſday night; and that it was never alledged by the Author, in his *Preface*, that *the generoſity or intereſt of his friends was either a proof of his genius, or of the merits of his comedy:* So that this good-natur'd critic might as well have let thoſe two nights paſs unobſerved; and proceeded, as I now ſhall, to the *fourth*. All that he can poſſibly gain by this, is to ſhew himſelf as much wanting in candor, as what he ſays on the *fourth* ſhews him wanting in veracity.

I muſt now acquaint you, Mr. BAVIUS, that being a friend to the author, I was at the play every night of its repreſentation; engaged thereto as much by my really liking the performance, as by my friendſhip for him. What therefore I now ſay, I give you as a truth, upon the word and honour of a gentleman.

In the firſt place, what the Author ſays in his *Preface, viz. that eight or ten perſons went to the Bedford Coffee-houſe, and declared* as above, is the real truth; and that ATTICUS's aſſertion of the contrary proceeds, either from ignorance, or malice. To prove a negative is no-body's buſineſs: but as to this particular fact, this gentleman, or any body elſe, may be ſatisfied, by informing themſelves, either at the Coffee-houſe, or behind the ſcenes. So far I can venture to ſay from my own knowledge, that being ſeated near one of theſe very perſons, I heard him ſwear, in a converſation he had with another, he would damn the play.

Nor is the Cenſor's miſrepreſentation more agreeable to truth, in what he ſays of Mr. RYAN and Mr. QUIN's behaviour: the firſt, conſcious, there was nothing in the play that could move the audience's diſpleaſure, very handſomely took it upon himſelf; and Mr. QUIN never gave his word *that it ſhould not be acted again.* —— What followed, *viz.* their leaving the houſe, as mentioned in the *Preface*, is another fact I can and do vouch the truth of: after this, I leave every impartial reader to judge of the Cenſor's veracity, and the Author's unjuſt treatment from him. There are living witneſſes to juſtify the truth of his *Preface*; and this gentleman's, and the reſt of his adherents conſciences, to reproach them for the unhandſome fiction, uttered againſt a gentleman, who, I am perſuaded never willfully injured them, or any body elſe.

As to the Cenſor's remark on the *motto* prefixed to the Comedy: he either had a mind to be witty in applying it to the light parts, to which it could not poſſibly relate; or elſe he does not underſtand Latin. If he meant wit, I muſt condole with him for having miſſed his aim, and ſhot only a fool's bolt. If he does not underſtand Latin, in pity to his ignorance, and in pure good nature, I muſt acquaint him, that the ſcenes between *Sir* HARRY and *Lady* TRAFFICK having been thought in ſentiments too refined, and grave, and in language too high for Comedy; the Author choſe to obviate that objection by the authority of one of the beſt of poets, as well as critics.

I cannot conclude, without expreſſing, how much I am pleaſed to find the town grown ſo delicate, as not to admit the leaſt tendency towards indecency; and could wiſh they would carry their diſlike ſo far, as to baniſh it from all our old acting plays. I would therefore humbly propoſe they would hiſs the OLD BATCHELOR, Mrs. FONDLEWIFE, and her lover, off the ſtage, as well as *Sir* CHARLES EASY, and EDGIN, and the *Miſer* when he wants *to touch ſomething*; tho' this latter has not ſhocked the decency of the French ſtage, *cum multis aliis*, &c.

I have already taken up too much of your time, ſo that I ſhall only add, that the Cenſor's calling the play *nonſenſe*, is of a piece with the reſt; and as juſt as his account of what paſs'd during its acting. I ſhall therefore defer my Remarks in favour of this Comedy, 'till it ſhall be more judiciouſly, as well as more particularly criticiſed.

I am, Sir, yours,

TERENTIANUS.

IN December laſt, *a certain man* of the city of Dublin openly threatened and ſwore, before many hundred people, that upon the firſt opportunity, by the help of ruffians, he would murder or maim the dean of S. Patrick's. Upon which, thirty one of the principal inhabitants of the liberty of the dean and chapter of S. Patrick's, ſigned a Paper, to this effect: 'That out of 'their great love and reſpect to the dean, to whom the 'whole kingdom hath ſo many obligations, they would 'endeavour to defend the life and limbs of the ſaid dean, 'againſt a certain man, and all his ruffians and murder-'ers'. With which Paper, they, in the name of themſelves, and all the inhabitants of the ſaid liberty, attended the dean on January the 8th; who being extremely ill in bed of a giddineſs and deafneſs, and not able to receive them, immediately dictated a very grateful anſwer, which was publiſhed in my brother FOG's laſt *Journal*. The occaſion of the *certain man*'s declaration of his villainous deſign againſt the dean, was a frivolous unproved ſuſpicion, that he had written ſome lines in verſe reflecting upon him; of which the following is a genuine copy, ſent from Ireland to a gentleman here.

On the words — *Brother proteſtants, and fellow Chriſtians*, ſo familiarly uſed by the advocates for the repeal of the Teſt Act in Ireland, 1733.

An inundation, ſays the fable,
O'erflow'd a farmer's barn and ſtable;
Whole ricks of hay and ſtacks of corn,
Were down the ſudden current borne;
While things of heterogeneous kind,
Together float with tide and wind;
The generous wheat forgot its pride,
And ſail'd with litter ſide by ſide;
Uniting all, to ſhew their amity,
As in a general calamity.
A ball of new-dropt horſes dung,
Mingling with apples in the throng,
Say'd to the pippin, plump, and prim,
'See, brother, how we apples ſwim!'
Thus LAMB, renown'd for cutting corns,
An offer'd fee from RADCLIFFE ſcorns;
'Not for the world — we doctors, brother,
'Muſt take no fee of one another.
Thus to a Dean ſome Curate ſloven,
Subſcribes, *Dear Sir, Your brother loving.*
Thus all the foot-men, ſhoe-boys, porters,
About S. James's, cry We courtiers.
Thus H———R in the houſe will prate,
'Sir, We the miniſters of ſtate'.
Thus at the bar that booby B———,
Tho', half a crown out-pays his ſweats worth;
Who knows in law, nor text, nor margent,
Calls SINGLETON his brother ſerjeant;
And thus fanatic ſaints, tho, neither in
Doctrine, or diſcipline our brethren,
Are *brother Proteſtants and Chriſtians*,
As much as Hebrews and Philiſtines:
But in no other ſenſe, than nature
Has made a rat our fellow-creature.
Lice from your body ſuck their food;
But is a louſe your fleſh and blood?
Tho' born of human filth and ſweat, it
May well be ſay'd man did beget it.
But maggots in your noſe and chin,
As well may claim you for their kin.
Yet critics may object, Why not?
Since lice are brethren to a S——t;
Which made our ſwarm of ſects determine
Employments for their brother vermine.
But be they Engliſh, Iriſh, Scottiſh,
What Proteſtant can be ſo ſottiſh,
While o'er the Church theſe clouds are gathering,
To call a ſwarm of lice his brethren?
As MOSES, by divine advice,
In Egypt turn'd the duſt to lice;
And as our ſects, by all deſcriptions,
Have hearts more harden'd than Egyptians;
As from the trodden duſt they ſpring,
And turn'd to lice infeſt the king:
For pity's ſake it would be juſt,
A rod ſhould turn them back to duſt.
Let folks, in high, or holy ſtations,
Be proud of owning ſuch relations;
Let courtiers hug them in their boſom,
As if they were afraid to loſe 'em:
While I, with humble JOB, had rather,
Say to corruption — *Thou'rt my father.*
For he that has ſo little wit,
To nouriſh vermin, muſt be bit.

After I had ſent theſe verſes to the preſs, I was informed by a book-ſeller, that they had been printed in a thing called a *Supplement to the Gentleman's Magazine*, that piratical compilation is read much more in the country, than in town; I imagined, that our judicious readers, who are always for going to the fountain-head, would not probably, unleſs by m[illegible] ever ſee theſe verſes in the *Supplement*. Th[illegible] threats of the *certain man* againſt the dean, a[illegible] affectionate zeal of ſo many perſons in his defence, having

made a great noiſe, and excited a great curioſity to know the original cauſe of both; to ſatisfy this curioſity, was the ſole end of publiſhing the verſes here, without any more approbation of them, than of the intended aſſaſſination or mutilation to which they gave occaſion.

BAVIUS.

DOMESTIC NEWS.

C. *Daily Courant.*
P. *Daily Poſt-Boy.*
D P. *Daily Poſt.*
D J. *Daily Journal.*
DA. *Daily Advertiſer.*
S J. *St. James's Evening Poſt.*
WE. *Whitehall Evening Poſt.*
LE. *London Evening Poſt.*

Free-maſon-oratorial advertiſements and puffs in January. —— Free-maſonical advertiſements 2: Oratorial ditto 14: in all 16: increaſed 4. —— Free-maſonical puffs 3: Oratorial ditto 4: in all 7: decreaſed 1.

Chriſtened laſt week males 203: females 173: in all 376. —— Buried males 251: females 294: in all 545: decreaſed in the burials 32. *S J.*

THURSDAY, *Feb.* 7. Yeſterday his majeſty was pleaſed to order his Congé d'elire to be ſent down to the dean and chapter of Glouceſter, for electing the rev. Tho. Rundale, D. D. chaplain to the lord chancellor, biſhop of that ſee. *P.* —— *As to this paragraph, I am a* free-thinker, *and have not* faith *to believe it.*

His highneſs the prince of Orange inſtead of riding in a chair, walks every day about the town, and by his affability and condeſcenſion, has gained the hearts of all people. *D A.*

The hon. houſe of Commons have been pleaſed to augment his majeſty's land forces with 1800 men, for the ſervice of the year 1734. *D J.* —— No horſe are to be raiſed, only 9 private men and a corporal to each company of foot. *D A.*

We hear that her grace the dutcheſs dowager of Marlborough hath ſettled 5000 l. per ann. on her grandſon the hon. John Spencer, Eſq; and his heirs for ever. *S J. L E.*

Yeſterday Mr. Bridge, maſter of the Exchequer coffee-houſe in New-palace-yard, was choſen collector of the land-tax in Weſtminſter-hall and places adjacent, in the room of Mr. King, deceaſed. *D A.*

On tueſday was entered at the Cuſtom-houſe for exportation, 2812 quarters of wheat, which was more than was entered all laſt week, there being but 2787 quarters for the whole week. *D A.*

On tueſday the grand jury of Middleſex (conſiſting of gentlemen of great worth and honour) found a bill againſt an Iriſh lord, for beating and kicking a tradeſman out of his houſe, that came to demand payment of a bill for goods ſold and deliver'd. *L E.* —— *This* Iriſh lord *ſeems to have more* honour, *than* worth.

Married laſt week Hen. Myles, of Farringdon in Berkſhire, Eſq; to miſs Green. *D A.*

Died laſt week at Honington in Warwickſhire, Chriſt. White, Eſq; who has left 2000 l. per annum to Joſeph Durham of the iſle of Ely, Eſq; who married his only daughter. —— Laſt monday in Queen's ſquare Weſtminſter, Mrs. Long, relict of Dr. Long, ſometime biſhop of Norwich. *D A.* —— Mrs. Leng, Dr. Leng. *L E.*

FRIDAY, *Feb.* 8. On tueſday the dean and chapter of Weſtminſter, appointed the rev. Mr. Widmore, one of the curates of S. Margaret's, to be keeper of their library, in the room of Mr. Thomas Moore, deceaſed. *D J.* —— On wedneſday —— Archer, Eſq; was choſen member for the county of Berks, in the room of Sir John Stonehouſe, Bart. deceaſed, without oppoſition. *D P.*

The ſame day was the anniverſary meeting of the antient and venerable ſociety of *Free Sawyers*, at the George and Vulture tavern in Cornhill, when they had a ſplendid dinner; after which, they ballotted for a new preſident, vice preſident, and other officers, they opened the charity cheſt, and gave the money (which was very conſiderable) to poor men, and widows of ſuch who were ſawyers, either of wood or ſtone, without any diſtinction: this antient ſociety conſiſt chiefly of wealthy merchants and eminent traders; and 'tis ſaid they have 3 chaplains, one of which is always to attend at their annual meeting and of diſtribution days of their charity collections and ſubſcriptions. *D P.*

On ſaturday at a meeting of the corporation of Hythe, the right hon. the lord Middleſex was nominated to his freedom by the conſent of the whole aſſembly, Tho. Clare, Eſq; was elected mayor: and Sidney-ſtafford Smith, Eſq; aſſiſtant to the mayor. *D A.*

Married this day Michael Richards, Eſq; barriſter at law, to miſs Shepherd of Pembrokeſhire, a young lady of ample fortune and great expectation. *D A.*

Died yeſterday morning near Aldgate, Mr. Vernon an eminent Turkey merchant. *D P.*

SATURDAY, *Feb.* 9. We hear, that his majeſty has been pleaſed to ſend as a preſent to the Dey of Algiers, in order for the redemption of near 100 Engliſh captives, 20 pieces of broad cloth, 2 of brocade, 2 of ſilver tabby, 1 of green damask, 8 of Holland, 10 of Cambrick, 1 gold repeating watch, 4 ſilver ditto, 20 pound of tea, 300 of loaf ſugar, 5 fuzees, 5 pair of piſtols, 1 eſcrutore, 2 clocks, and 1 box of toys. *C.* —— 16 pieces of cambrick. *D P.* —— Preſents deſigned to procure a peace with the emperor of Morocco. *D J.* —— *Theſe* preſents *are more likely to be ſufficient to* redeem 100 captives; *than* to procure a peace.

We hear that on ſunday, his excellency the embaſſador of Spain, preſented to the court a memorial on the ſubject of our ſea armament. *L E.*

Yeſterday a proclamation was publiſhed, wherein his majeſty is graciouſly pleaſed to offer his bounty of 20 s. per man to every able bodied ſeaman, and 15 s. to every landman, who voluntarily enter themſelves before March the 11th. *P.* —— We hear that the 3d rate ſhips of 70 guns, and the 4th rates of 60, are to be reduced in their number of cannon, and increaſed in their allowance of muſquets; that the 5th rates, now of 40 guns, are to be augmented with both; that every ſhips complement of men is to be greatly encreaſed, and the ſailors taught to exerciſe by beat of drum. *D A.* —— Sailors *love loud* muſic, *and much* exerciſe.

On wedneſday his grace the duke of Marlborough was pleaſed to appoint the rev. Rob. Romney. D. D. to be one of his domeſtic chaplains. *D P.* —— On thurſday Mr. Jeremiah King was unanimouſly choſen butler of the Inner-temple, in the room of Mr. Tripuch, deceaſed. *C.*

Dr. Mangey, one of the ſtewards at the enſuing feaſt of the ſons of the clergy, is appointed to preach before them on the 21ſt inſt. at S. Paul's cathedral. *D A.*

A great number of looſe idle vagabonds, ſtreet-walkers, women with wheel-barrows, carrying dice to cheat children and ſervants, who infeſt the ſtreets of this city, have been lately committed to Bridewell, &c. by the right hon. the lord mayor; and yeſterday a carman was committed to Bridewell by the ſame, to be kept to hard labour for a month, being detected in riding on the cops of his cart. *W E.*

The ſame day about noon Mrs. Milbourn, a farmer's wife of Highgate, coming to town, was robbed in the lane leading from Kentiſh town to the Halfway houſe, Hampſtead-road, of 47 l. 5 s. by two foot-pads. *D J.*

Married yeſterday at S. Bennet Paul's-wharf, Tho. Macklin, Eſq; a gentleman of great fortune and noble family in Scotland, to miſs Suſanna-Anne Stanton, a Scotch lady, whoſe fortune was 12,000 l. *P.*

Died on thurſday, aged 42, at Chelſea Mrs. Sarah Strickland, a maiden gentlewoman of great fortune. *P.* —— On ſaturday George Gibſon, Eſq; aged 76, firſt couſin to the lord biſhop of London, to whom he has left upwards of 10,000 l. —— Yeſterday with grief, Mrs. Elizab. Simmons, relict of Mr. Simmons lately found drowned in Hackney-river. *D A.*

MONDAY, *Feb.* 11. Yeſterday the rev. Dr. Clarke preached before their majeſties, the prince of Wales, and the 3 eldeſt princeſſes; and the rev. Dr. Haldridge before his highneſs the duke and the 2 youngeſt princeſſes. *D J. W E. Feb.* 12. —— *The* C. D J. *and* D A. *laſt week made this* Dr. Haldridge *one of his majeſty*'s chaplains, *inſtead of* the rev. Dr. Hargraves, *who* preached *at court both the laſt ſundays.*

The ſame day orders were given by the earl of Scarborough, Col. of the 2d regiment of foot guards, for the drums and ſerjeants to go forthwith into the country; and raiſe recruits for augmenting 10 men in each company. *P.*

Mr. Salkeld is made clerk of the errors in the King's bench, in the room of Mr. Henry Boſwell deceaſed. *D P.*

On thurſday at a court of delegates in Serjeants-inn hall, came on a cauſe between George Richards, Eſq; a minor, ſon and executor of George Richards, Eſq; of Dorſetſhire, and —— Richards, Eſq; concerning the validity of a nuncupative will, on which upwards of 30,000 l. was depending; when the judges pronounced for the ſaid will. *D P.*

On friday morning a duel was fought in Hyde-park between a young gentleman and a Colonel of the guards on account of the former's appearing in an undecent habit the night before at the maſquerade, whereupon the Colonel being on guard, obliged him to leave the ball room; the duel happily concluded with a few ſlight wounds received on both ſides. *D A.* —— *It* concluded *more* happily, *being not only* woundleſs, *but* intirely groundleſs. *D A. Feb.* 12.

Died, laſt week at Acton, George Villers, Eſq; formerly page of the preſence to queen Anne, ſaid to have died worth 30,000 l. —— Mr. Ryley, a pay-maſter ſerjeant, as he was drinking a pint of beer at the Savoy. *D J.* —— On friday Mr. Feverel, maſter of the bear and rummer tavern in Gerard-ſtreet, who was head cook to king William and queen Anne, reputed worth 40.000 l. *P.* —— Mr. Favil. *D P.* —— Mr. Fevel. *D J.* —— Mr. Fewell, 20,000 l. *D A.*

Yeſterday Gabriel Odenzell, Eſq; ſuppoſed to be diſorder'd in his ſenſes, hang'd himſelf at his habitation in Thatch'd-houſe court: a gentleman poſſeſs'd of a very conſiderable eſtate. *D P.* —— Near his library, at his lodgings in Thatch'd-houſe court S. James's-ſtreet: poſſeſs'd of a plentiful eſtate, and noted for writing ſeveral plays. *D J.* —— Died ſuddenly. *D A.*

TUESDAY, *Feb.* 12. Yeſterday his majeſty was pleaſed to appoint his grace the duke of Athol, one of the 16 Peers of Scotland, and the right hon. the marqueſs of Lothian, knights companions of the moſt noble order order of the Thiſtle, who had their green garters put on by the hands of his majeſty: the ſaid garters became vacant by the deaths of the earls of Sutherland and Loudon. *D P.* —— The marquis of Lothoun. *D J.* —— Yeſterday. *P. Feb.* 13.

The ſame day came advice to S. James's, that his highneſs the prince of Orange would ſet out for London the latter end of this week. *C.* —— 'Tis not known when he ſets out. *D A.*

On tueſday laſt the rule, which had been granted laſt term by the court of King's-bench, to ſhew cauſe why an information ſhould not be granted againſt ſeveral worthy gentlemen of the county of Salop, for a pretended riot at the races at Shrewsbury in Auguſt laſt, was diſcharged by that court, which will not give countenance to any proſecutions ſet on foot merely thro' *intemperate zeal, private pique*, or *party malice*, whilſt there is a judge there of the known integrity, candour and impartiality of the noble lord who now preſides in it. —— When the whole matter was ſet in a true light by reading the affidauits on both ſides, there appeared to be no foundation to charge the gentlemen with any misbehaviour whatſoever; but rather an occaſion to thank them for their good offices, they having acted agreeably in all reſpects to the character and figure they bear in the world, and to the ſtricteſt rules of honour and humanity: but what little diſturbance might happen at Shrewsbury races (*if any did happen*) was owing entirely to the inſolence or indiſcretion of one or two ſervants. *L E.*

We hear, that an act of parliament will paſs this ſeſſion, in order to eſtabliſh a court of conſcience in the ſeveral cities and towns corporate throughout England, for the better recovery of ſmall debts. *D J.* —— *It is eaſy* to eſtabliſh courts, *but* difficult *to make them really* courts of conſcience.

The anniverſary meeting of the ſociety for propagating the goſpel in foreign parts, will be held at the veſtry room of S. Mary le Bow in Cheapſide, on Feb. the 15th, at 9 in the forenoon; there will be a ſermon preached by the rev. Dr. Maddox, dean of Wells. Prayers will begin at 11 o' clock. *D J.*

On ſaturday two beggarmen, the one lame and the other ſeemingly blind, who had for ſome time travelled together, quarrelled on the highway near Guilford, whereupon the lame beggar ſtruck the blind one on the head with a ſtick, which provoked him to ſuch a degree, that he ran after the aggreſſor, and ſtabb'd him with a knife to the heart: ſome men being at work in an adjacent field, were ſpectators of the ſcene, and came up and apprehended the murderer, and carried him to Guildford, where he was committed to jail. *D A.* — *In order to be juſtly rendered ſo* blind, *and* lame, *as never to* ſee *or* walk *more.*

Yeſterday George Peters, Will. Symonds, James Belford, James Macdonald, and Sam. Steele, were executed at Tyburn, the ſurgeons had the bodies of Macdonald and Steele. *P. D P. D J.*

Died on thurſday in a very advanced age at Litchfield in Staffordſhire, James Wakefield, Eſq; clerk of the peace for the county, and one of the *Quorum.* —— Yeſterday Mr. Page, partner with Mr. Fidall in the great brewhouſe in Liquorpond-ſtreet, worth 10,000 l. *P.* — Laſt night at Iſlington Miſs Vane, *a maiden gentlewoman* of good accompliſhments, and a fortune of 3000 l. *W E.*

WEDESDAY, *Feb.* 13. We hear that orders have been given to his majeſty's board of works, for enlarging the ſcaffolding erected at S. James's, for the proceſſion of the intended nuptials, by widening the ſame, for the conveniency of holding a greater number of perſons. *C. D P.*

We hear that the commiſſioning of 30 ſhips of the line, which was to have been done as this week, is deferr'd for ſome ſhort time longer. *D P.*

Yeſterday being the laſt day of term, ſeveral perſons that were bound over, appeared on their recognizances at the King's-bench, Weſtminſter, when ſome were diſcharged, and others continued. *C. P. D P. D A.* —— *This article* appears *conſtantly four times a year.*

Married, yeſterday at Whitehall chapel, —— Reynolds, Eſq; to Mrs. Jane Williams, an agreeable young gentlewoman of extraordinary qualifications and a plentiful fortune. *P.* —— *This is certainly one* extraordinary qualification.

Died, yeſterday in Soho-ſquare, Sir John Newton, poſſeſs'd of a very plentiful eſtate. *D P.* —— Bar. The hon. Sir Michael Newton, knight of the Bath, is his ſon. *D A.*

From the PEGASUS *in Grub-ſtreet.*

Mr. MÆVIUS,

Extremum munus morientis habeto. Virg.

I Have a melancholy piece of news to acquaint you with; brother FANNIUS, who lived up four pair of ſtairs in the Strand is deceaſed. He has left you ſole executor, and his effects to be divided among your fraternity, as juſtly thinking it may ſtand in need of them. Leſt any of which ſhould be embezzled, I took an exact inventory of them, which follows.

A black coat and a tye wig, both very valuable pieces of antiquity.

An old ſilken purſe, little us'd. All his linen, that is, the ſhirt on his back, and another at the waſherwoman's.

A tobacco box, two chairs and a half, a table with 3 legs, a flock bed, and a broken chamber-pot.

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He made a good end, and dyed like PETRONIUS, repeating his own verſes; or like the ſwan aſpiring with his own notes. We hope he is gone to heaven, for he always liv'd as nigh it as he could in this world. I am, devotedly yours, &c.

EPIGRAM *on a beautiful young lady: from the Greek.*

Cyprus muſt now two VENUS's adore;
Ten are the *Muſes*; and the *Graces* four:
So charming's FLAVIA's wit, ſo ſweet her face,
She's a new *Muſe*, a VENUS, and a *Grace*.

We have received letters from A. D. TYRO, from DRAWCANSIR, from JEREMIAH GIMCRACK, and one without name concerning a coal-fire; a long copy of verſes on the controverſy between Dr. W——t——d, and Dr. M——d——n; an imitation of the 53d *Ode* of ANACREON, and a tranſlation of four Greek Epigrams.

FOREIGN NEWS.

THURSDAY, *Feb.* 7. —— *Hague, Feb.* 12. The caſtle of Tortona has ſurrendered to the troops of the allies. If we are not miſ-inform'd, king Staniſlaus retired from Dantzick *incognito*, the 6th inſtant, and it is generally believed he is gone to Stralſund. *P.*

Stockholm, Jan. 24. The king has given orders for a fleet of 18 men of war to put to ſea at a moment's warning. *D A.*

FRIDAY, *Feb.* 8. The emperor's forces are computed at 180,000; and thoſe of France, Spain, and Sardinia at 300,000 men. —— The 24th inſtant, N. S. has been ſet apart by order of the States-general, for a day of faſting and prayer, to implore the protection of the divine providence in this critical juncture. *D A.*

SATURDAY, *Feb.* 9. —— *Madrid, Jan.* 19. N. S. About 2700 idle fellows have been taken out of their beds within theſe few days, to be ſent to Italy. *C.*

MONDAY, *Feb.* 11. —— *Dantzick, Feb.* 6. N. S. General Leſſe being arrived with his army, conſiſting of 10,000 men, at Dirſchau, 10 or 12 miles off, all things are getting ready to repell force with force. Our magiſtrates have granted king Staniſlaus's requeſt, to have the out-works guarded by his troops. The Ruſſians have paſſed the Viſtula. *P. D P. D J.*

Vienna, Feb. 3. Repeated advices aſſure us, that the chevalier de S. George demanded a guard of the pope, not before he received ſome diſpatches from France. *D P.*

Paris, Feb. 17. Cardinal Falconieri, who died the 26th at Rome, has left legacies to the chevalier be S. George, to the princeſs his conſort, and to their ſons. *D P. D J. D A.*

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